

As Christians focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus during the Easter season, the price that Christ paid leaves its shadow on all mankind. (BSSB Photo by David F. Haywood).

Devotional

The crown of thorns

By Bill R. Baker, pastor, First, Clinton
John 19:1-5

"The soldiers plaited a crown of thorns and put it on his head." Why was our Lord crowned with thorns? Surely it was to inflict greater pain and to mock him as king; however, there must be more based on the symbolism of thorns in the Bible.



Baker

Thorns are symbolic of judgement—"Cursed is the ground for thy sake . . . thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth." (Gen. 3:17-18). Judgement, symbolized by the thorns, was placed upon Jesus at Calvary for "the Lord laid upon him the iniquity of us all" (Is. 53:6). What a glorious prospect this affords every believer, for in heaven "there shall be no more curse" (Rev. 22:3).

Thorns also speak of barrenness in the Bible—"Some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them" (Matt. 13:7). The barren life is replaced with a fruitful life because of his crucifixion and resurrection; consequently, the Father is glorified "that ye bear much fruit" (John 15:8).

Thorns are a reminder of the tragic consequences resulting from a life of indolence. "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding" states the writer of Proverbs, "and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns. . . I looked upon it and received instruction" (Proverbs 24:30-34). The indolent and idle life is judged by Jesus Christ; consequently, his Kingdom Citizens are marked by industry. Jesus told of a man who went out to employ labourers and finding folks idle, he said "go into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall you receive" (Matt. 20:1-7).

Man, by nature, is inclined to be rather thorny at times. The Bible speaks of those who bear thorns and briars and the fact that they are rejected; however, God is "persuaded better things of the Christian" (Heb. 10:9). He who bore the crown of thorns has the capability of dealing decisively with condemnation, barrenness and indolence, and "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree" (Isaiah 55:13).

Billy Graham decides

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (BP)—Evangelist Billy Graham, urged by President Ronald Reagan to decline the invitation, has decided to preach in Moscow in May.

An invitation to speak in the Soviet Union was extended the Southern Baptist evangelist by Patriarch Pimen, primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, and by leaders of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the U.S.S.R. Graham will preach at the Orthodox

Cathedral in Moscow May 9. On May 11, he will address the "World Conference: Religious Workers for Saving the Sacred Gift of Life From Nuclear Catastrophe." According to a statement released by Graham, he will speak on the Christian's understanding of peace in a nuclear age.

Graham, famous for friendships with U.S. presidents and other world leaders, is often expected to take political positions, an expectation he shuns. "My purpose in going to the Soviet

Union is to become involved in political or ideological issues," he said. "We have accepted this invitation to the Soviet Union because we feel it is a God-given opportunity for me to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in a country where I have not had this privilege before," Graham's statement said. "I also shall have the opportunity to give my Christian witness to leaders of various religious backgrounds from all over the world." Graham, who had to change com-

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mitments in England to go to Moscow, said "It is my sincere prayer that this visit will make at least a small contribution to better understanding between the peoples of the Soviet Union, the United States, and other countries of the world."

"We trade with each other, we have cultural exchanges and we have continued political negotiations in spite of our differences. I think it is now time that we move into a spiritual dimension as well."

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Speaker tells women in Columbus

"When you pray, fill out the order blank big. . ."

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"The best thing Mississippi Baptists can do as partners with the Rio de la Plata is to pray," said Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. "I've realized that is the secret, since I got back from a visit there."

He added, "Women, you can be bearers of the name in South America by praying. Last year Argentina Baptists celebrated the centennial of their work. 'For the first time in 100 years,' the missionaries said, 'We really looked at the past and the present and began making plans for what we want to be in the future.' We can be a part of their plans by praying for them."

Wester was speaking to the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union convention meeting March 22-24 at First Baptist Church, Columbus, where women were hearing suggestions on how to be bolder "Bearers of the Name."

25 Years

Mrs. Bob Dent, Holly Springs, was re-elected state WMU president. Mrs. Charles Tyler, vice president, also re-elected, presented to Marjean Patterson, executive director, a silver plaque and an orchid corsage from the Baptist women in appreciation for her 25 years of service through Mississippi WMU.

Mrs. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va., first vice president of the SBC, challenged the women to get busy and learn a second language. A year or so ago, speaking to WMU of Mississippi she asked them to give up material possessions and credit cards so they

could give more for Bold Mission Thrust. "Now I ask you to give of yourself."

She said it is important that we keep sending career missionaries, "calling out the called" who will study the language and culture of other nations, but it would be good if short-term volunteers also would learn to speak other languages. "People in other countries learn to speak English. Why should not we in the U.S. learn to speak their languages? I challenge you, if you are really serious about Bold Mission Thrust, to learn another language, so you can witness to citizens of another nation in their own tongue."

Expect big things

Catherine Walker, retired missionary to Indonesia, now on the staff of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, dared, "Expect big things when you pray. What do you want God to do? Fill out the order blank big—and then you've got to ask." She said she read recently of the extremely large number of conversions during crusades in Manila, and thought the number so big it must be a misprint. Though she had prayed for many conversions, her expectations had not really been that high.

"Pray for specific requests," she said. "Don't just say 'God bless the missionaries.' Know exactly what you want for the missionaries and ask for it. Don't read a long list of names and requests and pray for them all at once, but read one name and the requests that go with it. Stop and pray. Read another name and requests, and pray, and so on. If you don't finish all of the list in one day, you can continue on it the next."

In her speech Wednesday, Miss Walker used a bamboo vase as an ob-

ject lesson. "This is an ordinary vase," she said, "but it can be useful as it is passed from one to another and its contents poured out for each one." Like the vase, she said, we Christians must yield ourselves, so that what is ours to give can be poured out for others.

Dorothy Sample of Michigan, president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, spoke Monday night and Tuesday morning, and also at the BYW banquet

Monday evening.

"Life-changing commitment," she said, "may mean giving up material possessions. It means using our gifts (God has given each of us gifts—one of mine is not music). . . . It may mean going back to school, or changing jobs. Whatever the cost, it means being willing to do it. God will take our leaves and our fish and multiply them as we

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Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union re-elected Mrs. Bob Dent, Holly Springs, as president; Mrs. Charles Tyler, Collins, vice president; Mrs. Eleanor Burt, Philadelphia, recording secretary; and Mrs. G. W. Smith, Louisville, associate recording secretary. Left to right are Tyler, Burt, Smith, Dent.

New Orleans hotel rooms all have been claimed

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—All 6,800 hotel rooms reserved for participants in the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 15-17 have been claimed, as well as 300 to 500 others the New Orleans housing bureau was able to dig up, according to convention manager Tim Hedquist.

Hedquist suggests persons still planning to attend the meeting, but who have no room, write the New Orleans Convention and Housing Bureau at 334 Royal St., 70130. Ask for a brochure that lists all the hotels in the area. They can be contacted individually.

"Other than that, just get a registration form and fill it out by Oct. 1 for Pittsburgh," Hedquist says. The 1983 meeting is there June 13-15.

The number of rooms reserved through the housing bureau is double that reserved last year in Los Angeles when registration reached 12,529.

Statistician Martin Bradley and registration secretary Lee Porter project registration will be just over 20,000. Porter says further it is conceivable registration could pass Atlanta's record registration of 22,872 in 1979. (Continued on page 2)

Baptist Building to get new telephone system

A new telephone system will go into effect at the Baptist Building in Jackson April 5 at 8 a.m. The new system will be a Dimension system, which will not have the direct inward dialing that is a feature of the ESSX system now in use, according to Art Nelson, business manager for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

All calls from outside the building

will go through the switchboard by dialing (601) 968-3800, Nelson said.

"The system now in use, the ESSX, while relatively new, was not completely satisfactory either to us or the telephone company," Nelson added.

In order to facilitate the installation of the new system, the telephone service to and from the Baptist Building will be cut off at noon April 2.

Trustees change bylaws, prepare RTVC for ACTS

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Trustees of the Radio and Television Commission adopted a revision of their bylaws and approved several new policies at their spring meeting, all in preparation for the advent of the American Christian Television System.

Changes in the bylaws include increasing the number of board meetings from two to three per year, with executive committee meetings scheduled between each of the full board meetings. The size of the executive committee was limited to 12, so it would never constitute a majority of the 26-member board.

A bylaw revision made the appointment and removal of corporate executives, such as vice presidents, by the RTVC president subject to approval by an administrative subcommittee of

the executive committee. Standing committees of the trustee board were re-aligned to match the five division organizational structure of the commission. A conflict of interest statement was added to the bylaws to cover both trustees and employees.

In order to help meet the production demands of programming a national television network, the trustees approved a policy to allow joint ventures with outside production companies. The policy calls for the RTVC to enter such agreements only when they can enhance production ability or efficiency of the commission, while preserving the "reputation and integrity" of the RTVC and Southern Baptist Convention.

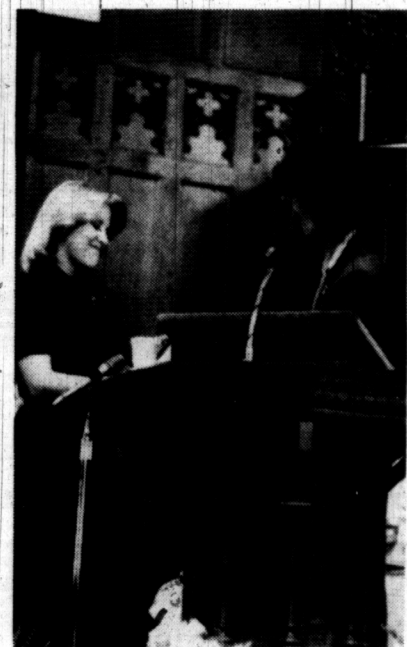
The second new policy details relationships between the RTVC, the

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Marjean Patterson, right, executive director, Mississippi WMU, presented a check for \$2,000 to Mrs. Adrian Hall, left, executive director, Nevada WMU. The check, given by Mississippi WMU through Special Day Offerings, will be used to train WMU leaders in Nevada Mrs. Hall said.

Mrs. Carol Tyler, state vice president, representing Mississippi WMU, gave to Miss Patterson an orchid corsage and a silver plaque in appreciation of her 25 years of service through WMU of this state.



Hope Freeman, left, Acteen from Strong Hope Baptist Church, Copiah County, received a Mississippi Citation during the WMU convention, from WMU, SBC, D. P. Smith, right, Acteens consultant, state WMU, made the presentation. Hope is the first in Mississippi to receive such a citation. She also has been chosen as one of this year's Top Teens. And Terry Chisholm of Enterprise was chosen a Top Teen for the second consecutive year.

Campaign sparks belief: "We really can grow"

By Tim Nicholas

As associational Sunday School Enlargement Campaign brought introspection and helped leaders to "really believe they can grow."

This is according to Leon Young, director of missions for the Lauderdale Baptist Association, which includes the city of Meridian. Young enlisted 21 of the association's churches in the campaign.

A Sunday School Enlargement Campaign is designed to help churches plan for growth in Sunday Schools. This one was co-sponsored by the association and the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The Lauderdale campaign consisted of an association-wide People Search, where prospects for enrollment in Sunday Schools are found throughout

the county. Volunteers in Lauderdale County found 5,674 prospects.

These prospects were assigned to churches by a special steering committee for followup.

Then the participating churches in the campaign were assigned campaign directors from outside the association (one church used its own pastor) who attended a kick-off meeting on Saturday night along with key leaders, Sunday School directors, pastors, and church staff.

The next day, the guest directors were in the churches. Some spoke to adult rallies, some in worship services. That evening, the guest directors taught principles of enlargement to church leaders.

Then for the next three days, the guest directors worked with church leaders evaluating Sunday School or-

ganizations, studied possibilities for growth related to prospects, and observed classroom space needs.

These directors left with each church recommendations as a result of those studies. Said Young, it is up to the individual churches to accept or reject the recommendations.

These directors recommended a total of 30 new departments and 131 new classes to be begun.

One guest director reported that a church leader asked if the church could wait till October to begin a new unit because "we already have our secret pals for this year in our class."

Another Sunday School teacher, who participated in a "space walk" to see the whole Sunday Schools facilities, commented, "I'm going to quit griping about my class because I saw others were worse than mine."

The guest directors told the church leaders about ways to encourage growth by starting work with singles, a cradle roll, homebound department, and an active prospect file. One director told of an experience in another association where he was told there were only two lost people in that community. "We baptized 22 of those two lost people that year," he said.

James Webster, minister of education at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, served as associational campaign director. He said he appreciated the "excellent job of preparation and followthrough" the association had done for the campaign.

"If there is nothing else this campaign does," said Webster, "it makes people face reality."

Missionaries are safe after Bangladesh coup

DACCA, Bangladesh (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Bangladesh, where the military staged a bloodless coup, are safe, they reported in a cable to the Foreign Mission Board March 25. Five Bangladesh missionaries are Missisippians.

The army chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Hossain Mohammed Ershad, toppled Bangladesh's President Abdus Sattar, 76, on March 23 and then declared martial law and suspended parliament. Ershad told the nation in a radio

broadcast that his goal is to re-establish democracy and hold general elections as soon as possible.

Southern Baptist missionaries in the country are James and Betty McKinley from Kentucky; Howard and Maxine Teel, Alabama; Thomas and Beverly Kirkpatrick, Oklahoma; Thomas and Gloria Thurman, Mississippi and Alabama; and James and Guinevere Young, Mississippi.

R. T. and Frances Buckley are on furlough in Picayune, Miss.

31 states call

BJCPA discusses prayer, constitutional convention

By Stan Hasty
and Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)—Members of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—representing eight Baptist groups—issued warnings against proposals in Congress on prayer in public schools and a nationwide movement calling for a constitutional convention.

Meeting here for its annual session, the committee also heard warnings from a Jesuit priest who formerly served in Congress about numerous Reagan administration domestic and international policies.

In other business conducted during a two-day meeting, the BJCPA adopted criteria for its involvement in legal disputes and approved a 1982-83 budget of \$431,916.

The Baptist agency reaffirmed its support of what it called the "historic" 1962 and 1963 Supreme Court decisions

banning state-mandated prayer and Bible reading in public schools.

Speaking to proposals in Congress for a constitutional amendment to nullify those decisions and for stripping federal courts of jurisdiction to hear challenges to state and local laws returning prayer to public schools, the group pledged to work for their defeat.

In its statement on the call for a constitutional convention, the Baptist Joint Committee warned that 31 state legislatures have called for such a convention for various reasons, including the desire to pass constitutional amendments requiring a balanced federal budget and banning abortion. Two thirds, or 34 states must issue calls for a constitutional convention before Congress is required to convene it.

The committee statement warned that such a gathering "easily could become a 'runaway' body which could

propose alterations to the entire constitution" and urged Congress to establish rules of procedure to limit the subject matter which a constitutional convention would consider.

Another statement, expressing renewed commitment to racial justice and affirmative action in employment practices in both churches and society, was tabled after lengthy debate. The proposal was introduced in an effort to demonstrate opposition to racism and sexism in the aftermath of the agency's support for Bob Jones University in a widely publicized Supreme Court test.

That support, based on the agency's belief that the Internal Revenue Service acted illegally and unconstitutionally in stripping the Greenville, S.C. school of its tax exemption, is spelled out in a friend-of-the-court brief filed last fall in the now-famous case.

The action to table came on a 12-9 vote after members were unable to agree if the Baptist Joint Committee had authority to call on denominational bodies and churches to examine and alter employment practices.



At the BYW banquet on Monday evening, March 22, women crowd around Dorothy Sample, WMU president, SBC, asking her to autograph their programs. Mrs. Sample was guest speaker for the banquet. The program, directed by Marilyn Hopkins, state BYW consultant, followed the theme, "God's love is the rainbow of our lives." Young women of Columbus had decorated with spring flowers in rainbow colors.

Dot Pray of Jackson, keyboard specialist, Mississippi Church Music department, was pianist for the WMU convention.



Louise Hill Miller, member of the WMU at Murphy Creek Baptist Church, Winston County, and Lorene Goodson, member of the WMU at First Baptist, Calhoun City, get acquainted.



Kathryn Barfield, music evangelist, Yazoo City, right, led the singing. At left are missionary speakers, Catherine Walker, Foreign Mission Board staff (retired missionary to Indonesia), and Fred Trott, Brazil. Flags of Uruguay, Paraguay, and Argentina stand at left.

Haitians profess Christ

Khrome Ave. refugees respond to gospel

MIAMI (BP)—In the wake of recent disturbances among Haitian refugees held at Miami's Khrome Avenue detention facility, a Sunday evening worship service led by Southern Baptist pastor Jacques Dumeroy yielded 200 professions of faith.

Dumeroy, pastor of the Haitian mission of First Baptist Church, Pompano Beach, Fla., and members of his congregation have held regular services for the more than 500 refugees at the Immigration and Naturalization Service camp.

During a recent service, Dumeroy distributed French and Creole Bibles from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and led the 400 men and women in a prayer of commitment to Jesus Christ. Reported Peter Golinski, board consultant on Haitian work, "When he asked how many had committed their lives to Christ, half responded."

Missionaries seek visas for Angola

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—The Baptist Convention of Angola will ask the Angolan government to issue permanent residence visas which would allow Southern Baptist missionaries Curtis and Betty McCown Dixon to resume work there.

The Dixons, former missionaries to Angola who are now serving in Portugal, reported the development after a month long visit to Angola to teach institutes for Baptist pastors and church leaders.

As for follow-up of those who made commitments to Christ at the camp service, Golinski said it would be difficult, but he hoped to be able to distribute literature and Bibles in the camp. "The distribution of Scripture among them is the key," he noted. "Their overwhelming response to the gospel is evidence that God is moving among them at Camp Khrome."

Indian church to be dedicated

The new Indian church at Pascagoula will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, April 4, at 2:30. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the featured speaker.

Construction on the church, begun in October, 1981, has been done by volunteer groups from Jackson County Association, Gulf Coast Association, George-Greene Association, and Lowndes Association in Mississippi, plus a group from Jasper, Ala.

Frank Odom, Jackson County, has superintended the building. R. B. Turner, mission action chairman, Jackson County Association, has helped in coordinating the groups. Billy Williams is pastor of First Baptist, Gautier, mother church for the Indian mission.

The Indian church, Ray Brooks, pastor, now has 48 members.

New Orleans hotel rooms all have been claimed

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1978. Martin's projections are based on location, Baptist strength in the area and registration over the past eight years.

Hedquist says the youth evangelism emphasis that is bringing 5,000 young people to New Orleans for a week of study and witnessing, has soaked up rooms that normally would be available to the convention bureau. Dorm space in New Orleans colleges is gone, and almost every major Southern

Baptist church in the city is housing youth, he says.

The 6,800 original rooms were sold out by Dec. 1 after registration opened Oct. 1. The majority of the hotels were filled in two weeks.

Hedquist credits associational missionaries, pastors and some laymen who made special efforts to reserve blocks of rooms and encourage turnout with filling the hotels so rapidly. He said 10 to 12 associational missionaries and 15 to 20 pastors and laymen reserved blocks of rooms.

He said there also appears to be a "tremendous" number of churches from small cities making efforts to be represented this year.

In Los Angeles, registrants used 3,560 rooms through the housing bureau; in St. Louis in 1980, 3,533 rooms and in Houston in 1979, 4,955 rooms. Registration in those years reached 13,529 in Los Angeles; 13,844 in St. Louis; and 15,760 in Houston.

While he would not estimate registration, Hedquist said, "I have to believe a lot more people are coming."

Trustees change

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board of directors of ACTS, and the local ACTS boards which will be appointed when low-power licenses are granted. While the policy also prohibits solicitation of funds by ACTS stations, it approves a method of "commercial recognition," similar to that used by public broadcasting stations for companies providing tax deductible financial support for ACTS.

"When you pray, fill . . ."

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say, "Here am I, send me."

Nevada giants

Mrs. Adrian Hall, executive director, Nevada WMU, told her audience, "Just like the promised land, I'm sure you will agree Nevada also has many giants. We all remember the story of the twelve spies sent to the promised land. All of them agreed there were giants; ten said they could not be conquered. Only Joshua and Caleb believed the land could be conquered. Some people doubt that we will ever be able to overcome the giants in Nevada but we have modern day Joshuas and Calebs who have girded themselves and are moving out to conquer the land."

"There are giants of open sin, exorbitant land prices and construction costs, thousands of unreached lan-

guage groups, giants of distance, isolation discouragement, unbelief and persecution. Yet the God-given call and drive to win men to Christ is sustained through the overwhelming response of people to the gospel." She quoted the William Booth couplet, "Some want to live within sound of church or chapel bell. I want to run a rescue spot within a yard of hell," and continued, "Many people believe that Nevada is just one yard from the gate of hell. If that is so, then please remember us—for God has placed us as his witnesses at that gate."

Mrs. Roy McGlamery of Memphis, former missionary to Gaza, brought devotional messages on topics from the hymn, "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me," which hymn also contains the convention theme phrase, "Bearers of the Name."

Retiring Baptist editor donates cash for land

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder, and his wife, Marian, have donated \$20,000 for the purchase of a site for the Recorder's new offices.

"We believe in the Recorder and want to help maintain its ministry as a free and independent paper," said Grant, who retires Sept. 13 after 23 years as editor.

The money is one-half the \$40,000 purchase price of 20,000 square feet adjacent to the Raleigh Baptist Association's offices at New Bern Avenue and Luther Road. Grant says \$2,000 earnest money has already been given the association, which owns the land, to secure the deal. The remaining \$18,000 will be raised through individuals and foundations in keeping with the state convention's financial plan, he said.

The Recorder's plans to construct offices apart from the state convention, which announced recently a move to a new location, has promoted some controversy in the state. Grant opposed the move and the Recorder's land purchase was announced hours after the state's general board announced its move.

From 1911 to 1957, the Recorder had its own offices and in fact rented space

to the state convention. When the convention built its current building in 1957, the Recorder joined them and is currently paying more than \$15,000 annual rent.

Payne said in a statement that Grant seconded, the newspaper's situation is "not unlike a family that has rented for 25 years and now wants to buy a home of its own."

Members of the general board, however, passed a resolution asking the Recorder to explain why it wants to locate outside the Baptist building and how it plans to raise the money to build new offices.

SBC churches are not located in metro areas

By Linda Lawson
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—While 46 percent of the U.S. population is concentrated in the 50 largest metropolitan areas, only 25 percent of Southern Baptist members and 16 percent of the denomination's churches are located there, a recent study shows.

The survey, comparing 1970 and 1980 U.S. census data from the 50 largest Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSAs) with 1970 and 1980 data from the SBC Uniform Church Letter, was conducted by Kirk Hadaway, research director of the Center for Urban Church Studies. SMSAs include the population of a city and the surrounding counties which make up the metropolitan area.

Hadaway said the study shows "where our priorities need to be. If our major strength is not where the people are, we need to concentrate our efforts in these urban areas."

On the positive side, Southern Baptist growth in the 50 SMSAs outstripped population growth for the 10-year period. The population increased by seven percent while SBC resident membership increased 15 percent and the number of churches grew by seven percent.

The largest percentages of SBC growth were in cities outside the South, while SBC growth in several southern cities failed to keep pace with the population.

New Orleans experienced a decline both in number of churches (seven) and membership (1,832) while the population increased 13.4 percent to 1.2 million. Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point, N.C., lost 21 churches and 551 members while the population grew by 14.3 percent, to 827,385.

She told of visiting her missionary daughter, Sarah (Mrs. Van) Williams, in India. "I had been praying that Sarah would be able to find competent servants," she said, "but when I saw that her cook could not seem to do anything right (she probably had never done any cooking except over an open outdoor fire), I said 'I didn't pray too well.' But Sarah said, 'Mama, I must tell you about this woman. I had to take her. Her first husband died and she and her two boys, 8 and 10, were left penniless and without a roof. Her second husband would not let the boys into his house or give them any food. She would slip them part of hers, but it was not enough. One day—they were so hungry—they found some rat poison, and thinking it was food, they ate it and died.'"

"So many people are in need. We must stop spending so much on our own clothes and houses and other possessions," Mrs. McGlamery said. We will never do our job of feeding the poor, caring for the orphans, and ministering to the lost of this world unless we are willing to do that."

Panel presentations were given by missionaries Freda Trott, Brazil, and Stanley and Glenna Stamps, Nicaragua, and by David and Ollie Mayhall, Liberia, and Fran Pickett, manager of Camp Garaywa (photos next week).

Ethel McKeithen, consultant, state WMU, gave a report on StarTeam activities relating to WMU enlargement. She was assisted by two StarTeam members, Mrs. Joy Yates of Yazoo City and Mrs. Nettie Breland of Philadelphia.

RTVC sets state meetings for ACTS network

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Representatives of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will meet in April with church leaders across the state to discuss ways to involve Mississippi churches in the America Christian Television System (ACTS), the proposed national Baptist TV network.

Meetings will be held in three regions. They are to be hosted by First Baptist Church, Jackson, April 1 at 2 p.m.; First Baptist Church, New Albany, April 2 at 10 a.m.; and First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, April 19 at 10 a.m. The meetings will be open to pastors and media workers in each area.

ACTS has applied to the Federal Communications Commission to build 106 low-power TV stations in 34 states. One of the applications is in Jackson.

But according to Bill Nichols, RTVC director of broadcast services, the ACTS strategy is not limited to low-power TV stations. The programming also will be available to cable television systems.

"Hundreds of urban and rural communities in virtually every part of the country will receive this new TV alternative by satellite relayed through a local church to the cable company," Nichols explained. "The cost is relatively so low that money is not the issue for churches of every size and budget. The issue is willingness to get informed and involved."

Nichols said many communities are in danger of not receiving ACTS programming simply because of neglect. He said the support of local churches will be crucial in getting the network on cable systems or other outlets.

Parks urges support of fund for Sorrels

WASHINGTON (BP)—R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is urging Southern Baptists to give generously to a fund set up to aid paralyzed missionary volunteer Robert (Bob) Sorrels.

Sorrels, now 30, was injured April 15, 1980, less than a week after he arrived in Nigeria. The traffic accident which paralyzed him from the neck down killed veteran Southern Baptist missionary William D. Bender and Nigerian Baptist Seminary professor Titus Oluwafemi.

The FMB declined to accept long-term responsibility for Sorrels because he had gone as a volunteer and not as an employee. While Sorrels had life and health insurance, he did not have long-term disability coverage.

Tax deductible gifts to the Sorrels fund can be sent to D. C. Baptist Convention Foundation, 1100 17th Street, N.W., Suite 412, Washington, D.C. 20036.

In a separate matter, an application for a hearing to determine if Sorrels is eligible for workmen's compensation has been filed with the Industrial Commission of Virginia.

Taejon, Korea—At least 900 members of the Republic of Korea air force made decisions for Christ in 1981 as a result of Baptist evangelistic efforts, according to Southern Baptist missionary Rolla Bradley.

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Largest check for Lottie

A check changes hands. The check is for \$101,375.58 and is going from the hand of Earl Craig to that of Marjean Patterson. Craig is pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson. Patterson is director of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, left, is on hand to view the presentation. The check is the offering from First Church, Jackson, for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, the largest gift ever given by a Mississippi church to this offering.

Home Board approves new plan, appoints 70

ATLANTA (BP)—Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board elected a new chairman, named three persons to new staff positions, approved a reorganization plan and appointed 70 new missionaries during their spring meeting.

Clifton R. Tension, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Monroe, La., was elected chairman, succeeding Howard B. Cockrum, a Knoxville, Tenn., contractor and land developer.

Jack T. Merritt of Albuquerque, N. M., a former home missionary in New York and New Mexico and currently national consultant on volunteers for the Home Mission Board, was elected assistant director in the HMB special mission ministries department, effective April 1.

Two professionals in the HMB communication division were promoted to staff positions. Mark Sandlin, man-

ager of photographic services, was elected director of photojournalism in the media department; and Karen Mitchell, graphic arts supervisor, was named director of design services in the promotion department.

As a part of the reorganization, four divisions of the board changed titles and responsibilities for 13 existing staff members and three vacant positions. Two new positions were created but not yet filled—associate director of the communication division and director of human resources development in the personnel division.

The board's language missions division will operate with three new departments. Fermin A. Whittaker will head the ethnic church growth department and Ramon Martinez will be director of the ethnic resource correlation department. A multi-ethnic ministries department was created, but no director was named.

Walker Knight, director of the editorial department, will continue in that capacity, but Everett Hullum, editor of magazine publication services, was named editor of Missions/USA magazine. Knight will be senior editor of the magazine he has edited for the past 22 years. In the same department, HMB news editor Jim Newton was named editor of news and information services.

The audiovisuals department, headed by J. C. Durham, was renamed the media department. Sandlin, Hurst and Wayne Grinstead, named director of media production, staff the department.

W. Ellisville slates family life series

Bill Osborn, a Christian family psychologist, will conduct an eight-week Christian Family Life Seminar at West Ellisville Baptist Church, Ellisville, beginning March 28.

Osborn will use the Focus on the Family film series developed by James Dobson as the basic teaching resource. The sessions will be held on Sundays in the sanctuary during morning and evening worship hours.



Osborn

Volunteers needed for July mission weeks in S.A.

The need for missions volunteers on a short term basis in the Rio de la Plata area of Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina continues, and an urgent area of need for the immediate future is for two to six workers for mission weeks in the three countries.

Mission weeks are the times that the missionaries gather for business and for spiritual refreshment, and volunteers will be needed to work with their children.

The dates of the mission weeks are July 5 to 10 in Uruguay, July 12 to 17 in Paraguay, and July 10 and the following week in Argentina. Mark Alexander, missionary coordinator for the Mississippi Partners with the Rio de la Plata, said one group of two to four could be involved with both Uruguay and Paraguay if the members should desire to work it that way. Those are consecutive weeks with a week end between for travel.

There is a need for an additional party of six to work with the children during the mission week in Argentina.

Other needs in the Rio de la Plata follow. They are listed as to the type of work, the location, the time needed, and the number of people needed.

Argentina

Bricklaying; Cruz del Eje; anytime; 8 to 10.

Bricklayers and construction workers; Olavarria; anytime; 6 to 8.

Evangelistic teachers for children (music, chalktalks, puppets); Olavarria; anytime; 5 to 6.

Musical Group; Chacabuco (25 de Mayo church); soon; 10 to 15; Install acoustical ceiling at the communications center at Baptist International seminary in Buenos Aires; after July; 1 to several.

Repairmen for general repairs and upkeep of the seminary buildings; anytime; any number, one or two needed for some length of time.

Laymen for personal witnessing—musical group; La Plata; anytime; any number.

Missionary children's program; Buenos Aires; October; 5.

Mission meeting children's program; Baptist assembly; Cordoba; July 10 and January of 1983 (urgent).

Paraguay

Boiler mechanic; Baptist Hospital; Asuncion; soon as possible; 1.

Musical group; Asuncion; spring youth festival; September; 10 to 15.

Dietitian; Baptist Hospital; Asuncion; soon as possible; 1.

Anesthesiology instructor; Baptist Hospital; Asuncion; soon as possible; 1.

Radio technician; Asuncion; urgent; 1.

Elementary teacher, Asuncion; July; 1.

Secondary teacher, Asuncion; July; 1.

Bricklayer; Walter Insfran; soon as possible; 2 to 4.

Mission meeting; children's program; July; 2 (urgent).

Computer will keep track of Church Study Course records

By Mose Dangerfield, consultant Sunday School Department

An upsurge of training in Southern Baptist Churches during the past two years is reflected in the dramatic growth of the Church Study Course. Thousands of additional churches are now active in study course work. Awards have increased more than 144,000. Diplomas earned by members have increased from 3,000 to 28,000 in two years.

Now, in a giant step forward, the Baptist Sunday School Board is announcing a new computerized records service for keeping Church Study Course records.

This new computer service will be provided without charge by the Sun-

day School Board. It will simplify the way church offices handle requests for Church Study Course credit and how they file the reports received.

It will provide more complete Church Study Course information to members. It will assist church leaders in planning what training should be offered. This is not a new Church Study Course; it is a new way to keep records of the present Church Study Course.

The present record system will close out on 9-15-82. The new system will begin 10-1-82.

For additional information on the new computerized records service, see the Church Study Course Catalog 1982-83 (available June 1982).



Mike Smith

Larry Black

Black, Smith to lead music for senior adults

Larry J. Black and Michael T. Smith, ministers of music in two of Jackson's churches, will be giving music leadership during Senior Adult Conclaves at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly this summer.

Black, who has led the music program at First Church, Jackson, for 11 years, will be in charge of the music for Conclave I, August 16-18. Smith, who is in his second year, heads the music activities of Parkway Church, Jackson. He will direct music for Conclave II, August 19-21.

William Hinson, pastor of First Church, New Orleans, will be the preacher for both conclaves and Wilbur W. Swartz, retired professor from New Orleans Seminary, will serve as Bible teacher. Glenn Shows, minister of activities, First Church, Clinton, will serve as fellowship leader and Paul Lee of Calvary Church, Tupelo, will be program coordinator.

Bees invade mission van

OUAGADOUGOU, Upper Volta (BP)—Southern Baptist missionary Jim Foster was stung more than 200 times when a swarm of angry bees invaded the van in which two missionary families rode.

Foster and his wife, Dorothy, who was stung severely on the arms, face and neck, were rushed to a nearby dispensary and then to a hospital in Ouagadougou for treatment of a violent reaction to the stings. Both Texans have been released.

Another missionary couple, Larry and Cheryl Cox of Mississippi and Tennessee, and the couple's five children escaped with fewer stings. A bulldozer had uprooted a large Baobab tree near the road they were traveling, disturbing the bees' hive.

Another missionary family, Doug and Evelyn Knapp, and several Tanzanian Baptists suffered a similar attack last year in Tanzania. One of the women with the Knapps was hospitalized.

Youth missions meet to feature 20 missionaries

The first Youth Missions Conference is April 9-10 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. It will feature 20 missionaries from around the world. And small group conferences will discuss missions through recreation, "Getting your career in gear," and discipling youths. Send registration information to Youth Missions Conference, Registration, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. \$10 needs to accompany each registration. Another \$11 is to be paid on arrival at Gulfshore.

All Guatemala missionaries safe following coup

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Early reports said Southern Baptist missionaries are safe following a March 23 military coup in the Central American nation of Guatemala.

Don Kammerdiener, Foreign Mission Board director for middle America and the Caribbean, was assured by missionaries in Guatemala by telephone that all 22 missionaries there now had been "accounted for" and were in no danger.

In Guatemala, the right-wing government of Gen. Romeo Lucas Garcia was quickly ousted and replaced with a junta headed by retired General Efraim Rios Montt, who ran unsuccessfully for president in 1974 as the candidate for the center-right Christian Democrat Party.

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Uruguay

Music group; Carmelo; soon as possible; 6 to 12.

Carpentry; Artigas; soon as possible; 4 to 6.

Leader of Sunday School workshops; Montevideo; September, October, or November; 1.

T.V. serviceman to teach T.V. repair; Carmelo; soon as possible; 1.

Evangelist (preachers and musicians); Montevideo; soon as possible; any number.

Mission meeting children's program; Montevideo; July; 4 (urgent).

For additional information write Coordinator, Mississippi Partners with the Rio de la Plata, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Or phone (601) 968-3822.

Associational planning workshop May 11

The annual Associational Planning Workshop will take place May 11 at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, site of the conference each year.

This meeting, which offers training for 11 categories of associational officers, launches the 1982-85 segment of Bold Mission Thrust.

Those invited for the planning workshop are associational directors of missions; moderators; Sunday School; Church Training; Church Music; Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union directors; missions and stewardship committee chairmen; evangelism chairmen; and church administration coordinators.

This workshop is sponsored by the program office of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Morrison Heights will present "The Nazarene"

The Sanctuary Choir of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, will present "The Nazarene" on April 4 and 5. "The Nazarene" is a musical drama about the resurrection of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of Mary Magdalene and her friends. The composer, Don Gillis, was a professor of music at Dallas Baptist College and the opera was written in 1970.

The cast members are: Ezra, a crippled beggar, played by Bill Barnes, minister of music at Morrison Heights; Amos, a tavern owner, played by Bobby Callicutt; Joanna, Amos's daughter, played by Martha Richardson; Rebecca, the kid sister, played by Cindy Eure; and Mary Magdalene, played by Vickie Baggett.

The program will begin at 7 on Sunday night, April 4, and at 7:30 on Monday night, April 5.

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Secretaries to meet in April

A Mississippi Baptist Secretaries Conference will take place April 19-20 at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, will be a featured speaker, along with Barbara Taylor, a housewife and mother from Crystal Springs. For reservations, write Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

April 5 Adult 8.5 X '85 Growth Seminar, East Heights BC, Tupelo; 7-9 p.m. (SS)

April 6 Adult 8.5 X '85 Growth Seminar; FBC, Grenada; 7-9 p.m. (SS)

April 9-10 Youth Missions Conference; Gulfshore Assembly; 3 p.m., 9th-3 p.m., 10th (WMU & BRÖ)

Editorials . . .

The liquor advertising door swings open

Gov. William Winter signed H. B. 905 into law on March 27, and with that signature were dashed the hopes of many people who have been battling the encroachment of alcohol in our state. Though the governor was certainly not alone responsible, for the House had passed the bill with flying colors and it got by the Senate after some political chicanery, it was the signature that spelled the beginning of the end of the battle.

H. B. 905 is the one that will allow the advertising of wine made in Mississippi from native-grown grapes.

The effect of this bill becoming law is that the wineries outside the state that sell their products in Mississippi will now be allowed to advertise in order to avoid discrimination. That will be followed by billboards and large newspaper advertisements on liquor itself, because there will be no way to draw a line.

The reality of native wine in Mississippi evolved in 1976 when Bill Burgin, who had to resign his Senate seat, and Ellis Bodron pushed through the Legislature a bill allowing such products to be made from Mississippi-grown grapes. In the ensuing years there has even been established a winery at Mississippi State University,

and that institution was one of the chief lobbyists in favor of H.B. 905.

The fact that Mississippi will become wide open to liquor advertising was almost forecast during the Senate fight on the bill, for its supporters claimed their major interest was the income that would be generated for the state through the advertising. The advertising that would be generated by the four small wineries now in operation, however, would not make much of an impression.

Some Mississippi publications, as the plot unfolded, sued the state because of the inability to advertise liquor and wine and were awarded a favorable judgment by Judge Dan Russell. Russell said the state prohibition of alcohol advertising violated the plaintiffs' equal protection under the law.

As a part of his opinion, the judge noted "the mechanical and physical impossibility the state encounters attempting to enforce a complete ban."

The state faces the same problem with murder. Is there hope that we can ever stop it completely? If not, should we move to have it legalized?

The opinion continued that "a complete prohibition, practically, does lit-

tle to directly advance the government's interest in promoting temperance." We submit that a ban on advertising cannot help but support temperance, but that should not have been the point of the opinion. The point at issue was whether or not a ban on liquor advertising could be upheld constitutionally. Whether or not such a ban was effective was not the issue. And the fact that "all residents of Mississippi are saturated with alcohol advertisements that are originated outside the state and distributed within the state" was not an issue.

Then the opinion went on to point out that "Plaintiff's expert produced substantial and convincing proof at trial regarding the lack of credible evidence, scientific or otherwise, which lends any support to the theoretical connection between an alcoholic beverage advertising ban and moderation in consumption of alcoholic beverages."

It is not known where the plaintiff's expert got his information, but certainly not from advertisers. If they can be convinced that there is no connection between advertising and consumption, they will cease advertising immediately, and we won't have to

worry about laws at all.

Well, the state has appealed the case to the Fifth Circuit Court in New Orleans. How much of a chance it will have to win with the new law going into effect is a matter of speculation. The chances would seem on the surface to be about the next thing to impossible.

The bill was defeated in the Senate on the first vote. On the next two votes, which came because of parliamentary maneuvering, it won by only two votes each time.

More parliamentary maneuvering got it held over for one more day, Saturday, but by that time most of those in opposition had gone home.

As was pointed out on the floor of the Senate, those who let it get by will have to bear the responsibility for the results.

A three-person delegation of Mississippi Baptists visited with Gov. Winter last week in the interest of his vetoing the bill.

Those making the visit were Charles Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson; John Stone, retired attorney who served as city attorney for Jackson and as the first legal counsel for the Alcohol Beverage Control Board; and the writer.

Our debts are cancelled

As we approach the Easter season, our tendency to a great extent is to begin to turn our attention toward the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. This is as it should be, for surely that must have been the most significant event in all of history.

In thinking of the resurrection, however, let us not speed past the crucifixion so fast that we miss an awareness of it and its significance. Without the crucifixion there would have been no resurrection. Without the crucifixion we would still be searching for relief from our sins through the blood of sacrificed animals.

The crucifixion would have been meaningless without the resurrection, and the resurrection, by the same token, is totally dependent on the crucifixion.

In our day it is an easy matter to

accept the concept of something without actually giving much thought to its factual nature or the significance of it. Let us not make that mistake with the crucifixion. Theologians have discussed that sacrifice for centuries, and the writer is no theologian; but it was a sacrifice the significance of which cannot be overstated or overestimated under any circumstances.

The writer's pastor, Lanny Wilbourn, in a recent sermon was discussing that sacrifice. His explanation was something on this order: A judge found it necessary to sit in judgment on a very good friend. The man was guilty, so the judge had to sentence him and was obliged to give him the maximum sentence possible for the crime, a fine of \$500. The judge, as a judge, explained to the man that he had broken the law and that there was no escape from the penalty of his

action—the \$500 fine. As a judge, upholding the laws of the land, he had no choice but to make the judgment and execute the penalty.

As a friend, however, he could take that judgment upon himself; and he did. He stepped around from behind the bench and wrote his personal check for \$500, thereby clearing the guilty man's name completely.

And this the Lord has done for us. Our only responsibility is to accept the provision of the payment of the debt for ourselves.

It was a graphic and an appropriate illustration. Let it serve to remind us that the Easter season is more than new clothes and high attendance in services. It is even more than the resurrection.

It is also the remembrance of the sacrifice that paid the penalty for our

sins, a penalty that can not be escaped in any way but full payment. It is a penalty that cannot be avoided because it is just and all encompassing.

It has already been paid. Add to that James Richardson's statement in his little book, *The God Who Shows Up*:

"This great God of all the world—the God men have feared, wondered at, dreaded, worshipped—has introduced himself to his world in Jesus Christ. When we catch a glimmer of this stupendous truth, we can begin to love him by letting him love us, by being willing for him to love us where we are and as we are. Here we face up to the hard fact that we can't pay our way, there is no ceremony or fee that will cleanse us, and nothing we can do will make him love us any more than he already does."

A first taste of antebellum beauty

Texas won its independence from Mexico only about 25 years before the war between the states, therefore there is not much of anything in Texas except the Alamo that can be classed as antebellum. Having come from Texas only 7½ years ago, I am finding in Mississippi's antebellum homes something that I had only heard about in sketchy fashion previously.

The fact is, I hardly knew what the word meant. In Texas, nothing is allowed to exist until it becomes historic. Nothing, that is, except the Alamo.

I have not searched Mississippi over for a complete view of its beautiful antebellum homes, but I have had occa-

sion to visit two cities to take in the beauty and grandeur of some of them.

Last August for a few days of vacation, my wife and I went to Natchez to get acquainted with that interesting city and to tour some of its beautiful old homes. We went to eight over a two-day period and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Memory may have failed in an effort to recall all of the houses we visited. I seem to remember Stanton Hall, Rosalie, Melrose, Longwood, Briars, Dunleith, Linden, and Monmouth.

They were all highly interesting. The period furniture was outstanding. And the stories behind the houses were

captivating. It was a very nice trip.

Then on a recent Sunday we went to visit our daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren in Starkville. They are Alice and Walter Tyrone and Aron, Douglas, and Tiffani, ages 4, 2, and 3 months. The occasion was my birthday.

During the afternoon we went over to Columbus to drive by the antebellum homes in that lovely city. The dogwoods were in bloom along the highway as we searched out the beautiful old homes, and it was all very nice.

When I was growing up out in west Texas, I could stand in my yard out in

the country and see the buildings of San Angelo 10 miles away. Later we moved to Merton, 30 miles from San Angelo; and there wasn't anything to see, but we could see a long way anyway.

The point is, I am having a difficult time getting used to not being able to see some distance. I am gradually finding out, however, that the things we see close up are really quite lovely.

While I have been in the state 7½ years, these occasions were my first opportunities to drive around in Natchez and Columbus. In both instances it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.—DTM.

Letters To The Editor

Recognition for "Ma"

Editor:

I am writing in reference to a dear lady, who deserves some attention and recognition for the many years of service she gave at the Baptist Children's Village, known as the Baptist Orphanage during most of her time. Her name is Mrs. Ruth Sutton, and she now lives at the Compere Nursing Home, Jackson, Mississippi. She had her 99th birthday on March 15, 1982. I knew her as "Ma" when she served so faithfully for so many years as Senior Housemother at the Village.

Her health has been amazing, even though she has been in a wheelchair for a number of years. Her eyesight has not been good for a while, but only recently has she started having some trouble with her hearing, and her mind is very good. Typical of her spirit is the fact that she always talks about how she will be able to walk again someday

and that the doctors can't find a medical reason for her not being able to walk now. In a slight lapse of mind recently, she remarked to one of her children that she couldn't go with them because she had to remain and take care of "all of these girls." Her only complaints to me are over not being able to walk and being lonely. Her family visits her regularly, and her needs are adequately met, but I would like to see many of "her former girls" visit her; and I would like to hear from anyone who would like to join me in giving her some proper recognition or maybe making plans for her 100th birthday celebration.

When she was 80, she revealed to me her age and said that she couldn't tell many people her true age, or she would be placed with "old ladies" in Sunday School and other activities.

I have gone into a great deal of detail so that you might see my deep affection for "Ma" and my desire to give her some of the honor I feel she deserves. She has served as a "substitute mother" for many women, and she stayed on many years after her family wanted her to live with them. I am afraid that we wait too late many times to give proper recognition to those who have served so faithfully.

Joyce Simpson Smith (Mrs. James E.)
2629 Pemberton
Tupelo, MS 38801
P.S. James is with Global Outreach here in Tupelo.

Pray for Roy Honeycutt

April 21 has been set as the inauguration day for President Roy L. Honeycutt, the newly elected leader of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Honeycutt is a man of the Word, trained and experienced as an Old Testament scholar. He wrote the study materials for the 1982 January Bible Study being used throughout the con-

vention, and has written 10 books on Bible subjects.

He is also a man of the churches. Not only has he served as pastor of four congregations, he is in great demand as a Bible teacher for churches all across the nation.

We believe God is going to bless in a mighty way the ministry of Roy Honeycutt as he guides the oldest institution of our denomination. On behalf of the trustees and the seminary family, let me ask your readers to join us in that prayer during the week of April 18 as we seek to affirm Dr. Honeycutt's presidency and ordain this new administration to the service of Christ, to the end that men and women might come to know God's saving power.

Wayne Dehoney, Chairman
Board of Trustees
Southern Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky
He is also a native of Grenada, Miss.—Editor.

The Bible and wine

Editor:

The Mississippi Legislature does not know more than Almighty God, who in Proverbs 20:1 declared, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise." In Hosea 4:11 God reminded that "Wine takes away the understanding." In Proverbs 23 is written "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine. At the last it biteth like a serpent." In Isaiah 5:22 we read "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, which justify the wicked for a reward and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him; because they have cast away the word of the Lord and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah notes, 28:7, "But they have erred through wine." Proverbs 21:17 tells us "He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich." One of the signs of latter days

in Revelation 6:6 is when those who rule the evil world warn not to touch the wine.

The taxpayers of our state have been swindled by wasting perhaps millions of dollars of tax money in research on wine so that a few can get rich from exploiting others. It is notorious that winos are among the most incurable alcoholics. Advertising adds to them.

Charles G. Hamilton
Aberdeen

Honeycutt picks new cabinet for Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—New president Roy L. Honeycutt has formed an eight-person team to help him chart the course of his administration at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bonnie Stowers, administrative assistant to former president Duke K. McCall since 1976, was named to the new post of assistant to the president, in charge of the executive office staff and special projects.

Badgett Dillard was elected executive vice president, a new position. He will be chief operating officer in the president's absence.

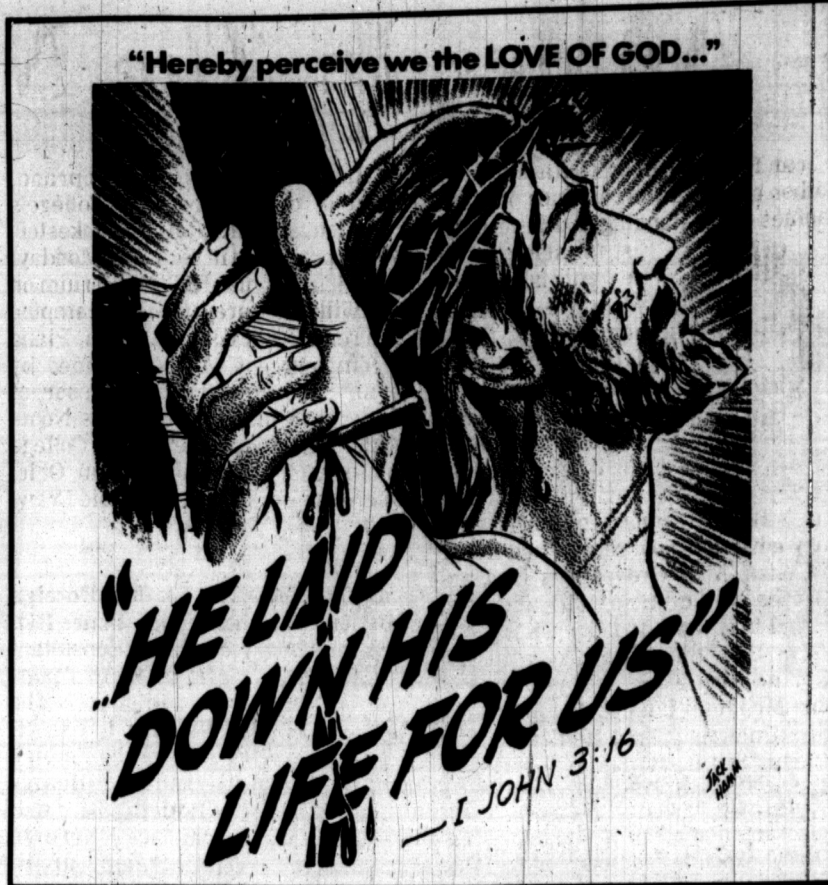
Harold S. Songer will fill the new post of vice president for academic affairs.

Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo will continue as vice president for development.

In the new organizational structure, the office of provost, which Honeycutt occupied since 1976, was absorbed into responsibilities of the president. Honeycutt thus remains chief academic officer.

The four deans, who formerly reported to the provost, now will report directly to the president.

The school deans are Walter B. Shurden, theology; Jack H. McEwen, religious education; S. Milburn Price, church music. Elizabeth E. Lambert is dean of students.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Around the world in three days

Dogwood blossoms mingled with wisteria and redbuds and azaleas against a backdrop of old white-columned Columbus houses to provide a most satisfying visual experience for my birthday March 22. Welcoming 1200 women to his city for the state WMU convention, Bill Hardy, minister of education, said that around 150 years ago a Female Missionary Society was organized at First Baptist, Columbus, and around 100 years ago the SBC met there. This church has had such mission-minded pastors, he said, as Isaac Taylor Tichenor, J. B. Lawrence, T. L. Holcomb, and J. B. Franks.

Petite Nancy Hall, executive director, Nevada WMU, led her listeners on a tour of Southern Baptist churches in Nevada and gave them a harrowing look at "open sin" in the "fastest growing state" where only 15 out of 100 claim to have any type of relationship with God. She told about Pastor J. R. Sammons who goes weekly to a mining community of 700—Silver Peak, where prostitution is legal and where there are three bars, a school, a post office, a privately owned swimming pool, and some trailers—and that's it. When Sammons held a VBS there, 60 children came; 19 children and six parents were saved and he baptized them in the swimming pool.

"While he was baptizing, a car came speeding down the dusty road and stopped at the pool. A large miner got out and kicked off his shoes and waded right into the water. That man always got in beer brawls and could fight every man in town. Sammons could see that the miner was crying. Right there in the swimming pool he told him what it meant to be saved, led him to the Lord, and baptized him along with the others."

Filip Suminto of Indonesia spoke on Tuesday evening. Two years ago I interviewed him when he was at Hinds Junior College; now he's a student at State. He has a remarkable testimony of coming from Buddhism to Christ, after John Smith, Mississippi missionary, became his friend at a time of crisis in his life. "The more I studied the Bible," he said, "the more the Holy Spirit helped me to understand." He said he is happy because "God gives me love where once I had hate" and "He gives me citizenship in his Kingdom, freely."

Lovely dark-haired Tori Bedells of Clinton, dressed in a turquoise sari, talked about her summer as a BSU missionary in India. Tori, a nurse and a graduate of USM, plans to marry Alan Nunnelee April 10 in a wedding at Morrison Heights Church. She said that God put her in India for that time "to nurture and accentuate the other missionaries work," and as she found solutions to problems that came along, she said "the Lord taught me to trust

him." She described the crowd waiting early each morning at the mission hospital. "They heard the gospel message before they received physical treatment."

Mrs. Roy McGlamery, former missionary to Gaza, led a devotional meditation at the beginning of each session. "We still have miracles today," she said. "Our GE X-ray machine at the hospital in Gaza had stopped working and we could find no one to repair it." She said they and other missionaries and hospital personnel prayed and prayed for a repairman for a long time. One day a man knocked at the door and said, "I have come to repair your X-ray machine." She was amazed and asked how he knew they needed him. He replied, "I was walking down the street in Bethlehem when someone came up to me and said, 'I hear you've been working with Westinghouse a long time. Would you know how to repair an X-ray machine?' I told him I thought I could—and here I am."

Fran Pickett, Camp Garaywa manager, who visited Liberia in February, described the 99-degree heat there and asked that we pray for her missionary friend Margaret Fairburn: "Pray for a gentle breeze. Margaret is really happy when her wind chimes begin to tinkle, for she knows there's a breeze stirring! And pray that the electricity will stay on long enough each day for her to have ice for a cool drink."

Beverly Hamack of the Home Mission Board staff I first knew at Ridgecrest in 1950. She talked about "building bridges across the gap" to the Spanish in Phila., Pa., and to other ethnic groups across America. This month, she said, a Southern Baptist missionary began work in Harlem.

Catherine Walker, Foreign Mission Board, told of a request that came to the Commission, to ask for prayer for a woman in Brazil who each year gives one month's salary to home missions. Her job: wash woman. And she has only one hand? "Yes," the woman said, "but it's a good one!"

Freda Trott, missionary to Brazil, talked about the 1982 centennial of Southern Baptist work in Brazil, and during the Tuesday morning session, I had a chance to tell how over a ten-year period my new Broadman book, *David Gomes: When Faith Triumphs* came about. Through 66 of 100 years in Brazil, Southern Baptist missionaries have had a tremendous influence on the life of David Gomes and his family and I wanted to show how he has taken these investments in his life and multiplied them. Through all of this, I learned that Gomes' philosophy, based on Mark 11:22 and James 2:5, is a good one—"Have faith in God. Our heavenly Father is rich beyond measure, and nothing, absolutely nothing is impossible to him."

Book Reviews

THE GOD WHO SHOWS UP; by James M. Richardson; Insight Press, New Orleans; 55 pages; \$3; Obtain from James M. Richardson, Box 400, Madison 39110.

This is a choice little book. The subtitle is "Thoughts on the Resurrection Appearances." The author takes five such appearances and draws graphic meaning from them and sums the total in a final chapter called "The Bottom Line." The titles to the other five chapters all begin with "The Appearance." "The Appearance to Love" is the story of the first resurrection appearance to Mary Magdalene. "The Appearance to Doubt" is the story of the appearance to the two on the road to Emmaus. "The Appearance to Despair" gives the accounts of two appearances to Peter. One was just before the crucifixion when he told Peter that the apostle would deny him three times. The other was the appearance following the resurrection when Peter realized all was forgiven as the Lord told him, "Feed my sheep." The fifth is "The Appearance to His Church."

This is the occasion of his visit with the disciples immediately following the resurrection at the time that Thomas was not present. It was the time of the commissioning in which he declares, "As my father has sent me, even so send I you."

Each of the chapters has messages that make the reading worthwhile. The one on love proclaims, "Here we face up to the hard facts that we can't pay our way, there is no ceremony or fee that will cleanse us, and nothing we can do will make him love us any more than he already does."

In discussing bewilderment, Richardson says, "When we are sensitive enough to know he is there, we begin to see that there are answers, even if we do not know them." And no doubt it is the account of how the slow starter and the honest seeker suddenly reaches the full truth and cries, "My Lord and my God."

This is a book that will gladden the heart of any believer and should show the way of salvation to one who does not believe. The illustrations are done by Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus. Richardson is pastor of Madison Baptist Church, Madison.—DTM

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Names In The News...

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Jean Faulkner Bond of Starkville, is author of the first in a series of biographies of outstanding Southern Baptist missionaries to be published by Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. Titled **Blanche Groves of China: Indomitable Lady**, Mrs. Bond's book (to be released in April) covers the career of a missionary educator, now retired and living in Texas. Miss Groves was first appointed to China in 1920 and also served in Hawaii and Hong Kong.

Mrs. Bond, herself a former missionary to Hong Kong, is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and Louisiana Tech University, and studied at New Orleans Seminary. She is married to Marvin T. Bond. They are members of First Baptist Church, Starkville.

Mary Keyser, a Calhoun City youth, was one of 40 winners in the 1982 Creative Arts Competition sponsored by event, monthly youth magazine published by the Sunday School Board, Nashville. Miss Keyser, 14, a member of First Baptist Church, Calhoun City, received a merit award for her song, "Working to Find Happiness." More than 800 junior and senior high youth submitted original prose, poetry, art and music in the competition. The winning entries will be published in the November 1982 issue of event.

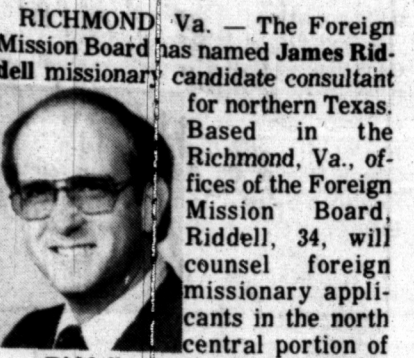
Three pastors of churches in pioneer mission areas have spoken in Attala Baptist churches this month on home missions. **Andrew Goodwin**, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Miles City, Mont., spoke at Unity, Don Womble, pastor, **Richard Covington**, pastor, Fellowship Baptist Church, Covington, Mont., spoke at Sallis, Kenneth Moore, pastor, Jeff Floyd, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Attala, Ind., spoke at McAdams, Joe Anderson, pastor. He also spoke at Springdale, S. W. Davis, Jr., pastor. All these churches are linked in the Partners in Pioneer Missions program sponsored by Attala Baptist Association, W. Levon Moore, director of missions.

Sarah Frances Anders, professor of sociology and department chairperson at Louisiana College, was William Carey College's guest lecturer in the 1982 Staley series.



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Lila Dawa Noonkester, soprano, daughter of William Carey College's President and Mrs. Ralph Noonkester, will be presented in recital on Monday, April 5, in Thomas Hall Auditorium on the William Carey College campus. The recital will begin at 8 p.m. Piano accompaniment will be provided by Lynn Rice, assistant professor of piano at William Carey. Miss Noonkester is a senior in the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, Ohio, where she is a student of Gerald Crawford.



RICHMOND, Va. — The Foreign Mission Board has named **James Riddell** missionary candidate consultant for northern Texas. Based in the Richmond, Va., offices of the Foreign Mission Board, Riddell, 34, will counsel foreign missionary applicants in the north central portion of Texas — including students at Southwestern Seminary, beginning in June.

Since 1976 Riddell has directed the Baptist Student Unions at Odessa (Texas) College, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa, and Midland (Texas) College. Born in Laurel, Miss., Riddell grew up in Colombia and Chile, where his parents, Gerald and Virgie Therrell Riddell, served as Southern Baptist missionaries for 36 years before retiring in 1980. The elder Riddells now reside in Austin, Texas.

Frank Gunn celebrated his 10th anniversary as pastor of First, Biloxi, March 18. The church held a special day of recognition March 14.

Homer Thompson, H. O. Patterson, James Massey, and Michael Funderburk, members of First Baptist Church, Glendale at Hattiesburg have surrendered to the gospel ministry.

Victory Heights Baptist Church, Greenwood, has called **Ray Garrison**, son of A. R. Garrison, as pastor. He was ordained into the ministry March 14, 1982.

Charles George has assumed the pastorate of Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Monroe Association, Amory. He and his wife, Ella, are from Huntsville, Ala.

Robert Jackson has accepted the call of Sylvaena Baptist Church, Raleigh, where he will serve as pastor. He goes from Derma Baptist Church, where he served for nine years.

Mike Hennington has joined the staff of First Church, Purvis, as minister of music and youth after resigning from a similar position at First Church, Byram. A native of Terry, he holds the bachelor of music degree from Mississippi College and the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Carol Armstrong of Jackson. They have two children, Kelly and David. Frank Harmon is pastor of First, Purvis.

Talmadge Rayborn has resigned as pastor of First, Pass Christian to accept a new position in north Louisiana.

Tonya Hall is new church secretary for Trinity Church, Biloxi.

Olivet Church, Gulfport has called **Al Green Jr.**, as pastor. Green goes from Temple Church, Petal.

He was graduated with a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary and B.S. from University of Southern Mississippi. He and his wife Emily and their daughter will be on the church field March 28.

Wesley P. Miley has been called as pastor of Louin Baptist Church, Louin, a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Lake, he is a graduate of Mississippi College (B.A.) and New Orleans Seminary (bachelor of divinity with Greek and Hebrew).

"His education forms the common mind; Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." — Pope

Trace Ridge Baptist Church, Ridge-land, has called **Craig Moore**, of Mississippi College, as part-time minister of music and youth. As a student, at Mississippi College, Moore is seeking a church music degree with a major in vocal training. His vocational goal is to compose sacred music. He has served as Royal Ambassador counselor at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, and as minister of youth at Calvary Church, Vicksburg.

Big Level (Gulf Coast) has called **Allen Moseley** as pastor. He will receive the master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary in May.

Lizana Church, Gulf Coast, has called **Gerald Walker** as pastor. Walker was ordained by Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, March 14.

BMC ministerial alumni to meet

Blue Mountain College Ministerial Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting on campus Friday, April 2, Earl H. Craig, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, will speak at the luncheon in Ray Dining Hall. Registration for the day's activities will begin at 9 a.m. in Paschal Student Center. Bert Harper, president of the Ministerial Alumni, will bring the chapel address at 10 a.m., which will be followed by a business session. The day's activities will conclude with the Ministers' Golf Tournament in the afternoon.

Missionary News

Ralph and Joyce Davis, missionaries to Ghana, will arrive in the States June 4, 1982, for a short furlough. Their address will be c/o W. R. Davis, 19 Sharmont, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.

Donald and Barbara Ann Phlegar, missionaries to Thailand, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand). She is from Yazoo City.

Malcolm and Jean Nichols, missionary associates to Korea, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Baptist Hospital, P. O. Box 76, Pusan 600, Korea). He is a native of Knoxville, Tenn. She was born in Meridian, Miss.

Robert and Nan Sugg, Jr., missionaries to Taiwan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: University Road, Lane 12, No. 1, Tainan 700, Taiwan). They were natives of Mississippi.

Fort Worth, Texas (BP) — Southwestern Seminary has received a \$500,000 grant from the Sid W. Richardson Foundation of Fort Worth, the largest single gift from a foundation in seminary history. The grant will be used to renovate existing library facilities for more education space.

Staff Changes



Raymon Q. Leake has accepted the call of First, Picayune, as pastor. He goes from First Church, Richton. Leake is married to the former Gloria Campbell. Both grew up in Columbia, Miss. He received a B.S. degree from University of Southern Mississippi, and Doctor of Ministry from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. They have three children, Jennifer, 10, Ben, 7, and Amy, 2.

The church will hold a reception welcoming their new pastor and his family, Sunday afternoon, April 4. Leake is leading a revival this week at First Baptist Church, California City, Calif., a church which First, Richton helped to build.

W. L. Compere, who has been interim pastor of Lawrence church since October, will serve the Baptist church at Lake in this same capacity, beginning Sunday, April 4.

Margaret Harris is now serving as records-education secretary for First, Long Beach.

Lawrence Baptist Church has called as pastor **Paul Oglesbee**, of Hickory. A native of Gulfport, he was graduated from Mississippi State University and was employed by Mississippi State in its chemical laboratory for six years. He worked with the Environmental Protection Agency of the Federal Government for fifteen years. Later he managed a furniture store at Hickory.

Oglesbee surrendered to the ministry last April and is now in his third semester at New Orleans Seminary. He has been active as a lay leader in the Hickory Baptist Church. He is married to the former Mary Brand, and they are the parents of three children.

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Roseland Park Church, Picayune has called as pastor **Gene Smith**. He and his wife Marsha, have two sons, Stephen, 7, and Will, 4. Smith is a native Texan, coming from Franklin, Texas, where he was pastor of First Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, and plans to enter New Orleans Seminary to work on a doctor of ministry degree.

ATTEND SENIOR ADULT CHAUTAUQUA

A spiritual growth experience for senior adults at a Southern Baptist Conference Center. **RIDGECREST TOUR** **OCTOBER 7-15** Includes one day at World's Fair **GLORIETA TOUR** **SEPTEMBER 18-25** Write for information to Baptist Senior Adult Ministries, Box 530, Jackson MS 39205.

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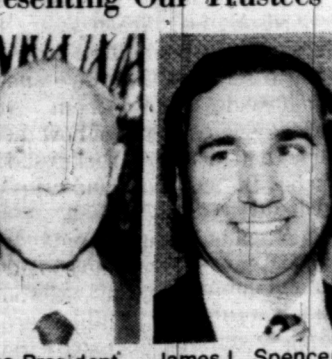


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Take a break!

Recent spring break activities on The India Nunnery Campus included a zoo trip, movies, picnic, recreational games, fishing, marshmallow roast and bonfire, special guests, and much, much more. Special "working guests" were BSU groups from Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College and from Pearl River Junior College. Spending their mornings painting and scrubbing (especially ceilings!), the groups spent their remaining hours with Village young people and children engaged in a multitude of activities. Special thanks to each and all for coming.

Presenting Our Trustees



Vice-President Charles T. Hull Winona

Thank you...



We are grateful to individuals and groups who are choosing to "Dress a Child at Easter" and hope that others will follow. Not only is this a special kind of caring, it is a very practical kind of caring.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Melvin Evans and Teresa Gilmore** who were united in marriage March 27, 1982, at Grandview Baptist Church, Pearl. Melvin is a Village Alumnus, and we extend congratulations to him and pray that their life together will be a very special one.



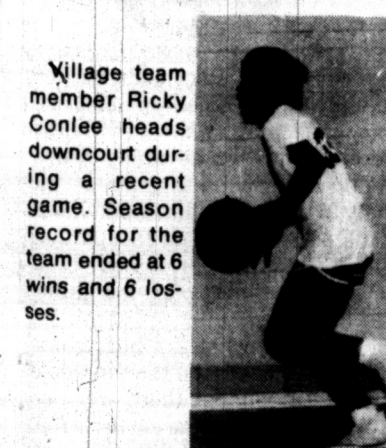
Farrow Manor news:

T. J. Clardy displays the First Place medal he won in "Prepared Speech" competition at the recent VICA District Meet held on The Mississippi Delta Junior College campus at Moorhead, Mississippi. T. J., an eleventh grader, will represent the VICA Club of Independence High School in State competition at Biloxi, Mississippi, April 28 - 30. Mr. Tommie Neal is the VICA Club sponsor.

At Dickerson Place

Recent "springtime" activities at Dickerson Place have included planting their garden, "sprucing up" outside, the laying of a new sidewalk and installation of a new basketball goal. The sidewalk and goal were results of efforts of friends from First Baptist Church, Brookhaven. Dr. Bob Self is pastor. We are grateful for their mission efforts and look forward to the contributions these efforts will make toward summertime fun.

What's the score???



Village team member **Ricky Conlee** heads downtown during a recent game. Season record for the team ended at 6 wins and 6 losses.

The children are saying:

A talkative four-year-old, brand new to Village care, paused in mid-conversation to ask a housefather: "Are you a stranger?" His answer: "No, Dear, I'm a friend." Her relief: "Good... 'cause I'm not 'sposed to talk to strangers!" (... and immediately went back to her chattering!)

Christian Home Week

May 2 — May 9



JoAnn Lewis, Nola, Miss., is shown as she cuts Jack's hair on a recent afternoon at Dickerson Place.



Mr. Carroll Harris, Advertising Executive with The Coca-Cola Company recently presented a brand new scoreboard to The Village. A hearty "thank you!" to Mr. Harris and Coca-Cola from Village team members, coaches, AND fans!



State BSU President **Tim Glaze**, center, visited with Pearl River Junior College BSU President **Amy Howell** and Director **Bill Kirkpatrick** (left), and Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College BSU President **Kelly Lane** and Director **Tim Thomas** (right) while the groups worked on The India Nunnery Campus.

Be our guests

"May we visit The Village?" Certainly—you are most welcome! Saturday afternoons and Sundays represent the only times when it is not convenient for us to welcome guests. While advance notice of your visit is not essential, it does help us to serve you better. We enjoy having a qualified staff member available to answer your questions and tell you a bit about our child care effort, together with guides, selected from our children to show you their homes. All four Village installations are anxious to have you come. At The India Nunnery Campus in Jackson, contact us at Box 11308, Jackson, MS. 39213 or at Telephone Number 922-2242; in New Albany, write to us at 202 Bankhead, New Albany, MS. 38652 or call us at 534-3932; to visit our Farrow Manor Campus, write us at Box 168, Independence, MS. 38638 or call our Tate County offices at 233-2155; or near Brookhaven at Dickerson Place, contact us at Route 1, Box 117 E. Brookhaven, MS 39601 or telephone us at 833-8104. BE OUR GUESTS!

Bible Book Series



David anointed king over Judah

By Howard E. Spell, Clinton
2 Samuel 1:2-4, 17, 19; 2:1-4a, 8-9, 10
I. Brief historical background

We are first introduced to David as a shepherd lad when Samuel was directed by God to go to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem to anoint a new king over Israel since God had rejected Saul. At some later time David became a musician at the court of Saul, and an armor bearer for Saul. He is also remembered for his bravery and skill in beheading Goliath of the Philistines. That Saul had to ask Abner who David was at the time of the death of Goliath (1 Sam. 17:55) can be explained by the fact that there were times when Saul suffered from mental derangement and did not recognize David. The great popularity of David with the people caused Saul to become insanely jealous of him, and he sought in several ways to have David killed.

Thus it was that David was forced to become an exile from his own people, but even then Saul pursued him forcing him to move from place to place for his own safety. In this forced exile David became the leader of a group of men who have sometimes been classified as outlaws. They were strong, hardened men, and David's leadership of them attest to his own strength and to their recognition of his outstanding abilities. It will be remembered that on more than one occasion David could have taken Saul's life but he refused to do so.

II. The death of Saul and Jonathan (1:2-4)

David was in Ziklag where he and his forces were making headquarters when he received news of the death of Saul and Jonathan. The messenger who brought the report was an Amalekite, and, according to his claim, he had killed Saul when he saw he was mortally wounded and had asked the Amalekite to end his suffering. He apparently hoped to receive praise and a possible reward from David for having killed Saul (2 Sam. 1:6-10).

In 1 Samuel we learn that Saul took his own life by falling on his sword, after he had been seriously wounded, rather than let the Philistines torture him and finally kill him. Saul could see there was no hope of rescue or of escape. One wonders if any of the men of Judah had encouraged the Amalekite messenger to seek David and tell him the news.

III. David's lament over Saul and Jonathan (1:17, 19)

Since it is known how Saul had acted

toward David, it would be easy for some to think there would be little regret on David's part when he learned of Saul's death. Such was not the case, however, for David seems to have had a genuine affection for Saul.

Furthermore, he was David's king and he respected him for the position he held as God's anointed. The lamentation expressed by David has all the earmarks of genuineness—not a superficial remorse. We also remember the deep friendship which had existed between David and Jonathan. David's lament was for both of them. David also expressed gratitude to the men of Jabesh-gilead for having buried Saul and Jonathan (2 Sam. 2:5-7). It may be recalled by many that Saul's first military engagement as king of Israel had been in support of Jabesh-gilead (1 Sam. 11:6ff).

IV. David seeks the Lord's guidance (2:1-4a, 11)

David was now about 30 years of age, a successful leader in a number of military engagements, and the head of a group of men trained in the art of what might be termed guerrilla warfare. Furthermore he knew the unsettled conditions among the Israelites following the death of Saul, but rather than act on his own volition he sought the Lord's guidance in this crucial time—crucial both for him and for Israel.

Since Samuel had, under God's leadership, appointed David to be king (1 Sam. 16:1-13), the only question in David's mind was likely that of where he should go and not whether he should go. When he sought God's leadership, he was directed to go to Hebron. Those familiar with a map of Palestine will recall Hebron as being about 18 miles south of Jerusalem and some 15 miles west of the Dead Sea.

Taking two of his wives and children, his trained men and their families, David went to Hebron where he and his followers settled. David's first wife, Michal, a daughter of Saul, had been given by Saul to another man (1 Sam. 25:44) during David's exile, but later David would demand of Abner that she be returned to him (2 Sam. 3:13-16). Seemingly little time elapsed after David took up residence at Hebron before the men of Judah anointed him king over Judah, and David reigned in Hebron for seven and one-half years.

V. Saul's son and his kingdom (2:8-9, 10)

Not all of Israel followed Judah's

lead, and Abner, the commander of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth, Saul's son, and set him up as king over the remainder of the tribes of Israel. For some time there were frequent armed clashes between the two groups of Israelites, but David's strength was growing while Ishbosheth and his forces were losing ground. After reigning for only two years Ishbosheth was assassinated.

All of this is most interesting history, but there can be many lessons in it for all of us. One of the greatest is that of David's example in seeking God's leadership. He was certainly not without ambition and could have followed his own inclinations, but he did not. God is still willing to direct the lives of people and nations today if they but seek his guidance and not let their own wills thwart his purpose.

Revival Dates

Pleasant Hill Church, Carthage: April 2-4; youth revival; Pat McClellan, guest speaker; Jimmy McDill, pastor.

Sand Ridge Church, Lake: April 4-9; theme to feature the seven sayings of Christ on the cross and each speaker focusing on one of the sayings; Ray Moseley, pastor, to preach Sunday morning and evening; Pat McClellan, pastor of Temple, Forest, Monday night speaker; Charlie Hawthorn, Tuesday night speaker; Keith Moore, Clarke College, Wed. night speaker; Frank Morgan, Thursday night speaker; James Watts, Friday night speaker. (Easter morning, April 11, Moseley will preach on the topic, "He is risen.")

Hernando Baptist Church: April 4-9; pastor, W. E. Corkern; guest evangelist, Hardy Denham, Jr., First Baptist Church, Newton; Daryl Randle of Memphis, Tenn., leading singing.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil—Brazilian Baptist leader Jose dos Reis Pereira celebrated 40 years of ministry in December at Rio de Janeiro's Rocha Baptist Church. Ordained on Dec. 29, 1941, Pereira became pastor of Rocha church the same day. Longtime president of the Brazilian Foreign Mission Board, Pereira edits "O Jornal Batista," Brazilian Baptists' national news journal.

Just for the Record

Springfield, Morton, honored its pastor, James Watts, and his wife Winnie, with a reception recently, in recognition of their five years of service to the church. The Springfield Children's Choir presented a special program. In a ceremony of commendation, Woodrow Rushing, chairman of deacons, gave to the Watts a love offering from the church. Other individual gifts were also given.

Pontotoc County Association held its second Church Music Festival, Feb. 21. The festival was held at Algoma Church with choirs or ensembles representing the following churches: Algoma, Longview, Liberty, Ecu, Chesterville Calvary, West Heights and First, Pontotoc.

Penang, Malaysia—The Baptist Theological Seminary in Penang, Malaysia, reached the building fund goal the same morning groundbreaking services were held for a new building.



ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH (COPIAH) recently held a note burning to symbolize entire indebtedness paid off. Extensive improvements to the church include a new building, paving of the grounds, and remodeling of the old building. Building committee members are Lucille Keys, Robert McClendon, Walter Smith, Cecil Reeves, Edwin Remington, Frankie Parker, Jimmy Wooten, Jerry Porter, Robert E. Hamilton, and Bobbie Jerome. "Zion Hill has really prospered under the leadership of Pastor Jerome McLendon and his wife Wanda," Walter Smith said. A special thank you for extra work he did was expressed to church member Jimmy Keys, and also to Claude Remington. Cecil Reeves, church treasurer, burned the note with matches furnished by the oldest deacon, Claude Remington. In the afternoon service Sherry Elkins performed with her ventriloquist dummies.



PASTOR SONNY REDWINE has presented certificates of appreciation from Linn Baptist Church, Dodsboro, to three women for outstanding service through Woman's Missionary Union. The women are, left to right, MRS. C. O. BURRELL, MRS. E. C. COTTON, MRS. OPHELIA BRASWELL. Mrs. Cotton, 92, is oldest charter member of the Linn WMU, organized in 1928. She was its president in 1930.

During the 30's and 40's WMU members sold their Sunday eggs, butter, and milk to send \$25 a year to the Cooperative Program. Mrs. Edna Lovett loaded the produce on her truck to take to market. The church now gives 15 percent of its budget to the Cooperative Program. In 1950, the 30 WMU members sold more chickens, eggs, butter, and milk, and bought additional land for the church cemetery. They have assisted missionaries and preachers who have gone out from their church, sent canned food to missionaries overseas, and Bibles to servicemen. Mrs. Frances Downs is the current director.

Geneva, Switzerland (EP)—The number of Lutherans worldwide increased this year to a total of 69,728,787—a gain of 80,334 from the 1980 total. About 54 million belong to 97 member churches of the Lutheran World Federation. Those 16 million not related to the LWF belong primarily to the Protestant union churches in Germany and the 2.6-million-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the United States.

Homecomings

Temple Baptist Church, Petal, will observe homecoming, Sunday, April 4. G. W. Smith, pastor of Shelton Church, Jones County, will be the morning speaker. The afternoon will feature members giving testimonies and bringing special music. Dinner on the ground will follow the morning service, said Joe Clark, minister of music and youth.

Life and Work Lesson

Of first importance

By James L. Travis
Pastoral Services
University Medical Center, Jackson
I Corinthians 15:1-19

From immoral behavior and dissension in the church, Paul turns to address the Corinthian Christians at the point of what he considers to be "of first importance" in the experience of the Christian faith. We are not sure what exactly is the issue in the church that Paul addressed in writing about the resurrection as the core of the Christian faith.

It could be that some of the Sadducees (Jewish religious leaders who did not believe in life after death) had come into the Christian congregation, or it may simply be that there were persons in the Corinthian church who reflected the Greek emphasis upon the immortality of the soul in contrast to any notion of the resurrection of the body.

We are not told that these individuals did not believe in the resurrection of Christ. Apparently they did, but failed to see the implications of this for themselves and other Christian believers. It is on the basis of their belief in the resurrection of Christ that Paul later turns to build his strongest argument. This part of I Corinthians is a reminder to them of that gospel, (1) which the Corinthian Christians received, (2) in which they stood, and (3) by which they were saved, that is, if they allowed this Christian gospel to give them the hope of redemption through the resurrection of Christ.

I. The gospel according to Paul (15:3-11): This passage is extremely important for several reasons. First of all, Paul identifies himself as one of the apostles although he still carries a heavy load of shame for having opposed the early Christian church to the point of persecuting believers. In spite of this load of shame, he clearly takes his place with the other apostles who believed before the resurrection and who were not in opposition to the faith. The reference to "one untimely born" alludes to the wrenching and agonizing fashion in which he experienced the presence of Christ. Through the trauma of that birth he came to appreciate the love of God through Christ.

Another matter of importance in this passage is that this is probably the earliest written record of the core of the Christian gospel. New Testament scholars tell us that this letter was probably written no more than 25

years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. The gospel accounts themselves were probably written down sometime later.

At any rate, Paul summarizes here the essence and extent of the gospel: (1) Christ died for our sins, (2) He was buried (indicating the facticity and finality of His death), (3) He was raised as had been prophesied, and (4) He then appeared to many of his followers. One of these persons to whom Jesus appeared was James, likely his brother, who, along with the rest of Jesus' family, did not believe initially but came to be one of the leaders in the early church.

It is important and refreshing to note that though Paul gives credit to the grace of God which works through him, he also is able to be rightly aware of and pleased with the diligence with which he had attempted to share the gospel with others.

II. The hinge of history (15:12-13): In verse 12, he addressed the problem that he had picked up in the Corinthian church, namely, that there were some people who were denying the resurrection of the dead. Paul immediately links that possibility with the fact that Jesus had been raised from the dead. He turns that around and reinforces his argument by saying if the dead in Christ would experience no resurrection what this means is that Christ himself had not been raised.

In other words, Paul hinges human history on this connection between the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of those who open themselves to the power of God through Christ. If you can imagine how a hinge works for a door, namely, to attach it to the structure surrounding it and, more importantly, to allow movement through that door to some place on the other side, you get the picture of the connection that Paul was stressing. The possibility of resurrection and redemptive life for all of us is hinged on the superstructure of the resurrection of Christ. Moreover, that is the doorway through which we move in our struggles and despair to some awareness of hope and joy. Paul is clear and to the point in this emphasis on the connection of these two. Apparently, he hoped that the belief in the resurrection of Christ would then carry over with those who were questioning the resurrection of the dead in Christ, so that they might see that one followed the other.

III. The consequences of no resur-

rection (15:14-19): Paul adds further strength to his argument in using the literary device of "what if." This is something that we do many times without even thinking about it. Namely, we trace out the implications of some possibility, even though that possibility may be farfetched. Children will sometimes play the game, "what if."

For example, what if a bear came into the room, or what if the sun would not shine, or what if there were no gravity to hold us on the earth? From these outlandish possibilities the imaginations of children can spin off to all sorts of frightening possibilities. In a child, that seems to be one way of reassuring them as to the certainty and stability of what they may be fantasizing about.

In this section, Paul does a similar thing. He raises the possibility, what if Christ had not been raised from the dead? And then he enumerates the far-reaching possibilities.

(1) The preaching and the faith of those in the early church were empty, futile experiences and expressions of man's projection of some fairy story.

(2) The proclaimers of the faith were even in the position of portraying God in a deceptively different fashion from what he really was like.

(3) Not only was the faith of those early Christians futile, but they remained in their sins. That is, they had not been released from the bondage which darkened their lives and left them powerless before the onslaught of evil.

(4) Another consequence if Christ has not been raised from the dead is that those who have "fallen asleep" (a phrase for dying) are forever lost and out of reach of those who remain behind.

(5) Finally, Paul says that one of the more terrible consequences is that our hope is that kind of hope which cheats or disappoints us (see Romans 5:5). It is a hope which is not only limited but is unable to address the awesomeness of human despair and leaves us in a most pitiful situation. We are the proverbial whistlers in the dark who attempt unsuccessfully to muster our limited strength and address the enormous issues of life and death.

Paul did not hesitate to pull out all the stops to make his point that not to believe in the resurrection of Christ not only shortchanged the Corinthian Christians, but had serious implications for the furtherance of the gospel.

Uniform Lesson

Christ hears human cries

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Mark 7:31-37, 10:46-52

I. The miracle worker himself

This is the fifth lesson on the miracles of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of Mark. We must not miss several interesting threads of truth about Jesus which run through these lessons.

A. Much about the subject of burnout among ministers is currently in the news. Jesus also had difficulty in this area. He constantly cautioned those who saw or experienced his miracles not to tell about them so as to excite the people to the extent that he could not continue his ministry. Jesus was human and became tired. People pressed around him so that he constantly sought peace and rest.

B. On the other hand, even the demons recognized that Jesus was divine. He proved to his critics that he could forgive the sins of the one who was let down through the roof. We must remember that he is God.

C. Jesus had authority or power over physical problems as well as problems of the soul. The waves and the wind obeyed his voice. At his command the blind could see, the deaf could hear, the lame could walk, and the hungry were filled. Demons had no choice but to obey him.

D. Even when he was fatigued and seeking rest he was filled with compassion and pity toward those in need. This compassion drove him to continue his teaching and healing ministry.

E. Jesus was a teacher. His first interest always seemed to be teaching. The people flocked around him to be healed or to see others healed. Religious leaders listened as they tried to trap him. The people listened to him because his teaching was fresh, meaningful, and seemed to have authority. As we study the miracles of Jesus it is easy to get lost in the miracles of healing and fail to notice his constant emphasis on teaching.

II. Healing a deaf and dumb man (Mark 7:31-37)

Jesus had been in the Gentile region of Tyre and Sidon, forty miles or so north of Capernaum, where he had healed the daughter of a Syro-Phoenician woman. He started back toward Jewish country and somewhere along the way some people brought to him a deaf man with a speech impediment and asked that he lay his healing hand on the man.

We cannot be positive what the man's condition was or what caused it. Sometimes Mark tells us that a condi-

tion was from birth, but he gave no clue as to the reason or the length of this man's deafness. Not infrequently such was the result of disease or sickness. So, although we cannot be certain, it seems possible that the man had once been able to hear. If this were the case it may well be that the man could speak when he met Jesus. After not being able to hear his own or other voices over an extended period of time his speech would have deteriorated until it was very difficult or impossible to understand him.

This theory is strengthened by the Greek word used. It is "mogilalon" meaning to speak with difficulty or hardly to be able to speak. Another word, "alalon," would have meant that he could not speak at all. As soon as the man could hear his own voice and compare it with the voice of others he could speak plainly again. This is an interesting and reasonable explanation to me.

When first confronted with this deaf man Jesus took him aside from the multitude where he could communicate with him. Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears as if to say, "I'm going to open your ears so that you can hear." He spit on his finger and touched the man's tongue with the saliva as if to say, "I will make it so you can speak and be understood."

Putting his fingers in the man's ears or touching his tongue with saliva did not bring the cure, although the oriental mind did attribute some remedial power to saliva. These acts did serve to increase the faith of the man. The healing was accomplished as Jesus looking to heaven for power and sighing (probably with prayer) commanded "Be opened." Knowing that the man could not hear, at the moment, Jesus gave the command in Aramaic, his own language.

According to Mark the man's ears were opened immediately and the bond of his tongue was loosed so that he could hear and could speak plainly. The word for what was removed from his tongue literally means "band" or "bond."

Jesus asked the man and those who looked on not to tell about this healing. They did not understand why he made such a request so they told it all the more.

The critics of Jesus could find nothing wrong with what he did. They were amazed and kept on saying "Everything he does is wonderful."

III. Healing of blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)

Sometime after the healing of the deaf and dumb man Jesus and his disciples had worked their way through Decapolis and Perea and had crossed the Jordan to Jericho. They had been careful to avoid going through Galilee which was ruled by Herod who had ordered the death of John the Baptist.

A large crowd of people followed along with Jesus listening to him teach as he entered Jericho. There is a bit of confusion as to whether he was coming into or going out of Jericho. It makes no real difference to the story which is correct. At any rate, a blind man, Bartimaeus, was sitting by the highway begging. Matthew's account mentions two beggars but Mark and Luke mention only one. Mark gives the names of only one. It makes little difference how many there were so we will use Mark's account.

Jericho was on the usual route to Jerusalem. Many were on the road going to Jerusalem for the Passover. The multitude was made even greater by many people of Jericho who could not go to the Passover and were standing beside the road watching the traffic.

When Jesus came along there was some confusion. Bartimaeus heard the confusion and was told it was made by the crowd around Jesus. He then called out to Jesus for help, calling him "Thou Son of David." People around Jesus scolded Bartimaeus and told him to keep quiet. They were irked because he made it even more difficult to hear the words Jesus was teaching.

Jesus heard the cries for help which Bartimaeus continued to make despite the scolding of the crowd. Jesus stopped and asked that the blind man be brought to him.

Notice the sudden change of attitude in the "yes men" who had been scolding Bartimaeus. They told him, "Cheer up, he is calling for you." Bartimaeus immediately threw aside the cloak which would impede his hurrying to Jesus and went to him.

"Whatcha want, fellow?" or words to that effect, Jesus asked. Jesus must have known what he wanted but he needed to hear Bartimaeus' request and to get some idea of the sort of faith behind it. He praised Bartimaeus' faith and commanded his sight to return. Bartimaeus could see immediately and was so grateful that he joined the crowd going along the road and listening to Jesus' teaching.